# Charlotte LISC Update

March 4, 2019



## **Local LISC Charlotte Office Update**

- Opened office at 201 South Tryon Street
- Hired two staff: Executive Director and Senior Program Officer
- Executive Director introductory event hosted in April
- Finalizing Local Advisory Committee membership
- Investing \$25 million
  - In 2019, up to \$1 million in community development resources, including technical assistance and trainings
  - Raising national funding to support local Charlotte programmatic activity

# **Local Engagement**

Government: Mayor and City Council, City Manager and County Manager

Funders: Foundations, Banks, Private Investors

Developers

Community/ Advocates

# Targeting the First Charlotte Neighborhood

- Beginning work in the Historic West End to preserve affordable housing and support small businesses
- First capacity building grant for Historic West End Partners (HWEP);
   working with Knight Foundation and Charlotte Center City Partners
- Opportunity Zone convening with:
  - ✓ Historic West End community
  - ✓ Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
  - ✓ Johnson C. Smith University
  - ✓ Knight Foundation

# **Charlotte Housing Opportunity Investment Fund (CHOIF)**

- Raised \$21M to date
- Initial mission is to focus on mixed income, multifamily housing for people making 30- 120% AMI
- Partnership between the City, the funding community, a number of investors, and others
- LISC serving as the fund manager



## **Charlotte Housing Funding To Date\***

(Fund closing scheduled for March 31)

Type of Investment	Housing Opportunity Investment Fund	Philanthropic Investments	City's Housing Trust Fund (HTF)
Grants	\$6 million		
Land Donations		\$9.75 million	
Low Return Equity	\$ 2.5 million		
Low Return Debt	\$12.5 million		
Reduced Lending Rate		\$50 million	
Subsidy			\$38.3 million**
Other Housing Investments		\$17.5 million	
Total	\$21 million	\$77.25 million	\$38.3 million

<sup>\*</sup>March 4, 2019

<sup>\*\*</sup>Shows balance remaining of \$50M after deals approved by City Council. Anticipate reserving portion for usual 9% deal.

# Strategy to Maximize Impact Example

#### As Funded

Two Deals (4% LIHTC)

Funding:

\$9.7M City HTF

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#### With CHOIF

Two Deals (4% LIHTC)

Funding:

\$5M City HTF

> \$4.7M CHOIF

\$9.7 million

Saved \$4.7 million in HTF

This approach enables the City of Charlotte to:



 Produce nearly twice the number of units

 Get twice as much for each dollar of HTF

# Comprehensive Review, Input & Approval Process- Phase 1 30- 45 days

#### Intake:

City and LISC, review requests for 4%, 9% and NOAHs

Council notified deal is being reviewed

#### **Pre-Underwriting:**

Financial feasibility, CHOIF/HTF eligibility, community engagement, leverage ratio, AMI, rent subsidy, affordability terms, city housing goals, etc. verified

City staff & LISC inform Council of recommendation (conforming/nonconforming)

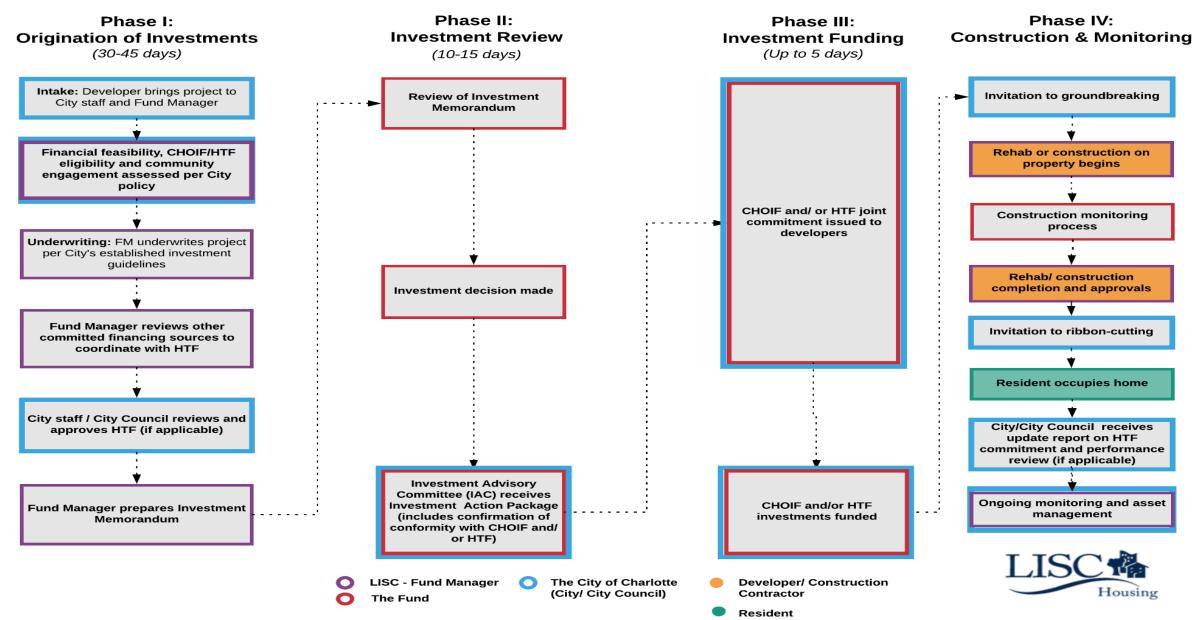
#### **Underwriting:**

Fund Manager underwrites project per City's established investment guidelines Fund
Manager
reviews other
committed
financing
sources to
coordinate
with HTF

City staff &
City Council
reviews &
provides HTF
commitment
(if applicable)

FM prepares Investment Memorandum

# Charlotte Housing Opportunity Investment Fund ("CHOIF") Proposed Investment Process Map



# **Next Steps**

 Finalize operating agreement between LISC and the City to manage the CHOIF

Currently vetting deals for funding approval in May



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